

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the Title with the following Title on the first page:

Biotin Biosynthetic Genes Having KAPA Synthetase Activity.

On page 7, replace the last paragraph (lines 29-34) with the following paragraph:

“Standard Conditions” for hybridization mean in this context the conditions which are generally used by a man skilled in the art to detect specific hybridization signals and which are described, *e.g.*, by Sambrook *et al.*, (s.a.) or preferably so-called stringent hybridization and non-stringent washing conditions, or more preferably so-called stringent hybridization and stringent washing conditions a man skilled in the art is familiar with and which are described, *e.g.*, in Sambrook *et al.* (s.a.). For purposes of the present invention, stringent hybridization conditions are carried out by hybridizing and washing in 0.2X SSC at about 65°C.